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LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

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Claims 1-21. (Cancelled).

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Claim 22. (Previously presented) A connecting member for connecting a first part to a second part, the connecting member comprising:

a housing having a first end and a second end;

a pair of retaining rims extending from said housing;

an opening defined in said housing between said pair of retaining rims; and

a locking member having a tab and a button, said locking member disposed around the outside of said housing between said pair of retaining rims so that said tab is normally biased through said opening into the second part but so that pressure on said button removes said tab from the second part, wherein said locking member has a major axis and a minor axis, said tab being along said minor axis and said button being along said major axis.

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Claim 23. (Previously presented) A connecting member for connecting a first part to a second part, the connecting member comprising:

- a housing having a first end and a second end;
- a pair of retaining rims extending from said housing;
- an opening defined in said housing between said pair of retaining rims;
- a locking member having a tab and a button, said locking member disposed about said housing between said pair of retaining rims so that said tab is normally biased through said opening into the second part but so that pressure on said button removes said tab from the second part, wherein said locking member has a major axis and a minor axis, said tab being along said minor axis and said button being along said major axis; and

- a second locking member having a second button and a second tab, said second locking member being in said housing so that said second button is normally biased through a second opening in said housing and said second tab is normally biased through a third opening in said housing.

Claim 24. (Previously presented) A connecting member for releasably connecting a first part to a second part, comprising:

- a housing having a first opening, a second opening, and a first retaining rim;
- a first locking member having a first tab and a first button, said first locking member normally biasing said first tab through said first opening so that said first tab connects to the second part and so that pressure on said first button moves said first tab from the second part; and

- a second retaining rim having an inwardly depending second tab biased in said second opening so that said first locking member is maintained in a selected position between said first and second retaining rims.

Claim 25. (Previously presented) The connecting member as in claim 24, wherein said first locking member comprises a major axis and a minor axis, said first tab being along said minor axis and said first button being along said major axis.

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Claim 26. (Previously presented) The connecting member as in claim 24, further comprising a second locking member having a second button and a second tab, said second locking member being in said housing so that said second button is normally biased through a third opening in said housing and said second tab is normally biased through a fourth opening in said housing.